



# United States Capitol Visitor Center

## Weekly Construction Summary



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### **This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/21/07 through 5/25/07**

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now working on the upper courses of stone at the Gallery Level.
- Workers will complete plaster and paint work in the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. Once inspected, the scaffolding will be removed clearing the way for floor stone installation below in an elevator lobby area.
- Masons continue work in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Stone work is complete on the upper two landings in the Senate atrium and mason teams will begin working in the House atrium this week. Meanwhile, welders continue securing the steel components that will support the bronze handrails that line each staircase.
- Millwork is nearing completion on both levels of the Congressional Auditorium and wood floor installation is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew has completed the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. A case fabricator is assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations while an exhibit contractor has begun installing display support components inside the cases. Installation of glass floor panels is ongoing.
- Elevator technicians continue installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium and the CVC entrance zones.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Scaffold has been erected in the North Orientation Theater to allow the millwork contractor to replace some defective ceiling panels.
- Rolling scaffolds have been assembled in the Great Hall to allow electricians to install the Great Hall light fixtures.
- Installation of exterior bronze doors has been completed at the south side CVC entrance.



**Even from 35 feet below ground, on the floor of the CVC's Great Hall, visitors will be able to see the Capitol Dome in full view. Both of the Great Hall skylights measure 30 feet by 70 feet and allow natural light to fill the interior space.**



The faux marble painting is complete on the decorative columns and plaster elements in the Virtual Senate Theater in the CVC Exhibition Hall.

## **Next Week – 5/28/07 – 6/1/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and masons are expected to begin preparing the Crypt level for floor stone installation in early June.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of base stone will begin on the cabinetry in the Food Service Area.
- Workers are expected to continue installing case and display components in the Exhibition Hall.
- In the Congressional Auditorium, millwork installation will near completion in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium. A flooring contractor is expected to complete installing wood floor panels in the upper level seating area. The lower level seating area will be completed this week.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue throughout the CVC facility.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors. Crews may begin installing some of the light fixture elements in the Great Hall.

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